

*Ephraim Child*

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9 October 1629 letter as "my neighbor Child" [WP 2:157, 173]. Child was not a member of Winthrop's inner circle, but he did over the years address letters to John Winthrop and John Winthrop Jr. as matters of mutual interest arose, and in 1639 Governor Winthrop had "3 oxen in Eph[raim] Child's keeping" [WP 4:147]. In 1646 Mary Winthrop, daughter of John Winthrop Jr. was placed with the Child family [WP 5:119, 121].

On 10 September 1647 Thomas Hett of Hull, cooper, made a power of attorney to "Ephraime Child of Watertowne" to receive rents on property in Stockingham, Lincolnshire [Aspinwall 85]. Child was at this time about to leave for England to attend to the affairs of his twice-widowed sister Elizabeth [TAG 63:22, 26].

The Watertown land inventories and other documents cited by Hyde show that Child was purchasing many of the allotments in the Beaverbrook Plowlands, especially in the Hither Plain, which was along the Charles River in what is now Waltham.

The Watertown selectmen met at his house 26 March 1650, 2 November 1658, 3 January 1659[60] and 6 November 1661 [WaTR 1:20, 58, 63, 72]. Ephraim Child was debtor to the town for "irregular hogs" 4s. January 1655[6] [WaTR 1:44]. On 3 February 1656[7] Ephraim Child was allowed to "make covenant betwixt Widow Mixtar and the child of Widow Brabrock" [WaTR 1:51]. He was to receive a weekly report of the work done by four Watertown boys, 11 March 1656[7] [WaTR 1:52]. He was empowered to rent out the land of "Old Knop" 25 January 1657[8] [WaTR 1:55]. He was moderator at the town meeting of 10 January 1658 [WaTR 1:59]. On 11 March 1661[2] there was due to Ephraim Child 10s. [WaTR 1:74]. This was his last Watertown town meeting appearance.

**JAMES CHILTON**

*ORIGIN:* Leiden, Holland

*MIGRATION:* 1620 on *Mayflower*

*FIRST RESIDENCE:* Died before *Mayflower* reached Plymouth

*OCCUPATION:* Tailor.

*ESTATE:* In the 1623 Plymouth land division "Marie Chilton" received an unknown number of acres as a passenger on the *Mayflower* [PCR 12:4]. In the 1627 Plymouth cattle division Mary, now the wife of John Winslow, is listed as the sixth person in the sixth company [PCR 12:11].

*BIRTH:* About 1556 (aged 63 in 1619 [Bangs 34]), probably at Canterbury, Kent, son of Lionel Chilton by an unknown first wife [TAG 38:244].

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**DEATH:** 8 December 1620 off Cape Cod [Prince 165].

**MARRIAGE:** By 1586 \_\_\_\_\_; she d. Plymouth early in 1621 [Bradford 446]. (John G. Hunt has suggested, reasonably, but on limited evidence, that she was Susanne Furner, James Chilton's stepsister [TAG 38:244-45].)

**CHILDREN:**

- i ISABELLA, bp. St. Paul's, Canterbury, Kent, 15 January 1586/7 [MF 2:5]; m. Leiden 21 July 1615 [NS] ROGER CHANDLER [MD 11:129].
- ii JANE, bp. St. Paul's, Canterbury, 8 June 1589 [MF 2:5]; no further record.
- iii JOEL, bur. St. Martin's, Canterbury, 2 November 1593 [MF 2:5].
- iv MARY, bur. St. Martin's, Canterbury, 23 November 1593 [MF 2:5].
- v ELIZABETH, bp. St. Martin's, Canterbury, 14 July 1594 [MF 2:5]; no further record.
- vi JAMES, bp. St. Martin's, Canterbury, 22 August 1596 [MF 2:5]; d. by 11 September 1603.
- vii INGLE, bp. St. Paul's, Canterbury, 29 April 1599 [MF 2:5]; thought to be the "Engeltgen Gilten" who m. Leiden 27 August 1622 [NS] Robert Nelson [Dexter 627]; no further record.
- viii CHRISTIAN (dau.), bp. St. Peter's, Sandwich, Kent, 26 July 1601 [MF 2:5]; no further record.
- ix JAMES, bp. St. Peter's, Sandwich, 11 September 1603 [MF 2:5]; no further record.
- x MARY, bp. St. Peter's, Sandwich, 30 May 1607 [MF 2:5]; m. Plymouth by 22 May 1627 JOHN WINSLOW.

**COMMENTS:** Until recently there was no direct evidence that James Chilton resided in Leiden, despite the marriage of one and perhaps two daughters there. Recent research in Leiden has revealed a notarial record detailing an assault on James Chilton, aged 63, and his daughter on 28 April 1619 [NS]; this assault has been interpreted as one of the reasons leading the Pilgrims to believe that they were becoming less welcome in Leiden, and therefore as a factor in the decision to leave for New England [Bangs 34; see also Stratton 262].

In his list of those on the *Mayflower* Bradford included "James Chilton and his wife, and Mary their daughter; they had another daughter that was married, came afterward" [Bradford 442]. In his accounting of the family in 1651 Bradford reported that "James Chilton and his wife also died in the first infection, but their daughter Mary is still living and hath nine children; and one daughter is married and hath a child. So their increase is ten" [Bradford 446].

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The death date for James Chilton is given variously as 6, 8, or 18 December 1620. The best evidence for the date is Prince, who cites a now-lost notebook kept by WILLIAM BRADFORD [Prince 165]. The date of 18 December may have arisen when someone corrected for the 1752 calendar change, an unnecessary confusion. A month before his death James Chilton signed the Mayflower Compact.

A longstanding tradition has held that Mary Chilton was the first of the *Mayflower* passengers to step onto Plymouth Rock. Charles Thornton Libby carried out a detailed examination of this story, published as *Mary Chilton's Title to Celebrity* (Boston 1926; rpt. Warwick RI 1978).

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTE:** JAMES CHILTON has been treated in the second volume of the Mayflower Society's Five Generations Project [MF 2:1-117].

### THOMAS CHUBB

**ORIGIN:** Crewkerne, Somersetshire

**MIGRATION:** 1630

**FIRST RESIDENCE:** Noddle's Island

**REMOVES:** Dorchester 1631, Salem by 1636, Manchester by 1651, Beverly by 1669

**OCCUPATION:** Carpenter (as indicated on the apprenticeship of his son, William, 25 April 1672 [EQC 7:21]) and husbandman (as indicated on oath of fidelity in Beverly 3 December 1677 [EQC 6:401]).

**FREEMAN:** "The following freemen who had also taken the oath of fidelity voted for Woodbery: ... Tho. Chub, Sr. ..." December Term, 1675 [EQC 6:102].

**OFFICES AND EDUCATION:** Made his mark to an appointment to view work done by John Norman on a house for the use of the ministry at Cape Ann side, 29 November 1659 [EQC 2:186] and to his deeds.

**ESTATE:** "Tho: Chubb" received an indeterminate amount of acreage in the 1636 Salem land grant, not in the freeman's lands [STR 1:22]. He received half an acre of meadow in the grant of 1637, with a household of two [STR 1:102].

"Thomas Chub" received the first allotment of marsh at Manchester 29 March 1651 [EQC 7:296].

In a deed recorded 23 August 1655 Thomas Chubb and Avis his wife of Manchester sold to William Pitt and Moses Maverick of Marblehead a dwelling house with fifty acres in Manchester, which they had bought of John Horne 17 April 1655 [ELR 1:28].

On 8 October 1668, Thomas Chubb of Salem, carpenter, mortgaged with Jacob Barney of Salem, tailor, four acres of land next to Chubb's

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